

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session / Joint Meeting with BOS and FINCOM / Town Meeting

Date: October 17, 2016
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: NRHS Distance Learning Lab

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers
Gerald Venezia
Janene Imbriano
Julie Koepke
Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools
Michael Connelly – Director of
Finance and Operations
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Joint meeting with the North Reading Board of Selectmen and the North Reading Finance Committee

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Clifford Bowers called the open session to order at 5:35 p.m. Representatives of all three bodies, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the School Committee indicated that their respective committees were in order to proceed.

II.A.1. Update: Proposed Lavatory Facilities at Arthur J. Kenney Athletic Field at North Reading Middle/High School

Mr. Gilleberto, Town Administrator, provided a brief opening statement noting the purpose of this evening's meeting, which is to review a proposal for a new lavatory and concession stand facility at Arthur J. Kenney field.

Mr. Gilleberto then introduced Ms. Andrea Willett of CBI, for a presentation that included a review of the proposed scope of work. The presentation noted a phase one and phase two construction project (lavatories to be constructed in phase one and concession stand and storage in phase two); pictures of what the building's exterior would look like; and pricing. Square footage: 939 square feet; cost: \$798,008. The cost increased from that which was presented previously due to an increase in square footage of the building and an exhaust hood for the concession stand (\$1500) and the accompanying fire suppression system (\$12,000).

To complete the project in two phases, the costs were noted as follows: phase one: (lavatories only) \$554,331; phase two: \$165,450. (Total: \$719,781).

Selectman Mauceri expressed his concern about new information being presented this evening and not having ample time to process and evaluate the new information. Ms. Hurlbut of the Finance Committee concurred. Selectman Prisco noted that he believed it would be prudent to further evaluate the proposal and place the matter on the Warrant for discussion at the June 2017 Town Meeting.

Ms. Rourke, Finance Director for the Town, noted that there is a cost escalation for delaying this project. This information was provided for consideration.

Mr. Webster noted that any work to be done on the existing Team Room to accommodate lavatory facilities would need approval of the School Committee as the building is under the jurisdiction of the School Committee/School Department. Mr. Bowers expressed that the School Committee was unanimous in its decision not to renovate the existing Team Room. Mr. Bowers also expressed that deferring the matter to the June 2017 Town Meeting seemed prudent.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen left the meeting to continue with the business of their respective boards, prior to Town Meeting.

II.A.2. Second Reading: Policy IDBB – Teaching and Intervention: Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs

Ms. Imbriano offered a motion to approve a second reading of Policy IDBB: Teaching and Intervention: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Koepke. The motion passed 5-0.

II.A.3. Second Reading: Policy JCE – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students Prohibited

Mr. Webster offered a motion to approve a second reading of Policy JCE: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited. The motion was seconded by Ms. Imbriano. The motion passed 5-0.

There was discussion on a recommendation of Article 9: Appropriate Money for Construction of Facilities at Arthur J. Kenney Field.

Mr. Webster offered a motion to recommend passing over Article 9 before the Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Imbriano. The motion passed 5-0.

At 6:25 p.m. the School Committee entered the Town Meeting, from where it would adjourn its meeting.

Town Meeting concluded at 8:31 p.m.

Mr. Webster offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Ms. Imbriano. The motion passed 5-0.